

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 thru 42 without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter, and add claims 43 thru 62 as follows:

Claims 1 thru 42. (Canceled)

1 43. (New) A main base for use in a head drum assembly mounting structure on a deck of
2 a tape recorder, said main base comprising:
3 a central portion; and
4 an outer portion surrounding said central portion;
5 wherein said central portion is discontinuous so as to have a hole disposed therein for
6 receiving a protrusion extending from a lower portion of the head drum assembly; and
7 wherein said central portion is discontinuous so as to have at least two screw holes formed
8 therein for receiving respective screws which pass through said screw holes and are screwed into the
9 lower portion of the head drum assembly.

1 44. (New) The main base of claim 43, wherein said central portion is connected on one
2 side to said outer portion by a downwardly slanted portion of said central portion, and said central
3 portion is connected on another side to said outer portion by an upwardly slanted portion of said
4 central portion, whereby said central portion is oriented at an angle with respect to said outer portion.

1 45. (New) The main base of claim 44, further comprising a positioning pin extending
2 upward from said upwardly slanted portion of said central portion for insertion into a positioning
3 hole formed in the lower portion of the head drum assembly.

1 46. (New) The main base of claim 44, wherein said central portion is formed with said
2 outer portion into one piece.

1 47. (New) The main base of claim 44, further comprising a hook pin which includes at
2 least two locking ends extending upward from said upwardly slanted portion of said central portion
3 for insertion into a locking hole formed in the lower portion of the head drum assembly.

1 48. (New) The main base of claim 47, wherein said two locking ends are flexible toward
2 and away from each other so as to move toward each other when initially passing through a narrow
3 portion of the locking hole, and so as to move away from each other after entering a wider, locking
4 portion of the locking hole.

1 49. (New) The main base of claim 43, further comprising a positioning pin extending
2 upward from said central portion for insertion into a positioning hole formed in the lower portion
3 of the head drum assembly.

1 50. (New) The main base of claim 49, wherein said central portion is formed with said

2 outer portion into one piece.

1 51. (New) The main base of claim 43, wherein said central portion is formed with said
2 outer portion into one piece.

1 52. (New) The main base of claim 43, further comprising a hook pin which includes at
2 least two locking ends extending upward from said central portion for insertion into a locking hole
3 formed in the lower portion of the head drum assembly.

1 53. (New) The main base of claim 52, wherein said two locking ends are flexible toward
2 and away from each other so as to move toward each other when initially passing through a narrow
3 portion of the locking hole, and so as to move away from each other after entering a wider, locking
4 portion of the locking hole.

1 54. (New) A main base for use in a head drum assembly mounting structure on a deck of
2 a tape recorder, said main base comprising:

3 a central portion; and

4 an outer portion surrounding said central portion;

5 wherein said central portion is connected on one side to said outer portion by a downwardly
6 slanted portion of said central portion, and said central portion is connected on another side to said
7 outer portion by an upwardly slanted portion of said central portion, whereby said central portion is

8 oriented at an angle with respect to said outer portion.

1 55. (New) The main base of claim 54, further comprising a positioning pin extending
2 upward from said upwardly slanted portion of said central portion for insertion into a positioning
3 hole formed in the lower portion of the head drum assembly.

1 56. (New) The main base of claim 55, wherein said central portion is formed with said
2 outer portion into one piece.

1 57. (New) The main base of claim 54, wherein said central portion is formed with said
2 outer portion into one piece.

1 58. (New) The main base of claim 54, further comprising a hook pin which includes at
2 least two locking ends extending upward from said upwardly slanted portion of said central portion
3 for insertion into a locking hole formed in the lower portion of the head drum assembly.

1 59. (New) The main base of claim 58, wherein said two locking ends are flexible toward
2 and away from each other so as to move toward each other when initially passing through a narrow
3 portion of the locking hole, and so as to move away from each other after entering a wider, locking
4 portion of the locking hole.

1 60. (New) A main base for use in a head drum assembly mounting structure on a deck of
2 a tape recorder, said main base comprising:
3 a central portion;
4 an outer portion surrounding said central portion; and
5 positioning means extending upward from said central portion for insertion into a positioning
6 hole formed in a lower portion of the head drum assembly so as to position said main base relative
7 to the head drum assembly.

1 61. (New) The main base of claim 60, wherein said positioning means comprises a hook
2 pin which includes at least two locking ends extending upward from of said central portion for
3 insertion into a locking hole formed in the lower portion of the head drum assembly.

1 62. (New) The main base of claim 61, wherein said two locking ends are flexible toward
2 and away from each other so as to move toward each other when initially passing through a narrow
3 portion of the locking hole, and so as to move away from each other after entering a wider, locking
4 portion of the locking hole.